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				(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege	David Allnutt
Region	R10	WASHINGTON--Determination of High Tide Line for Tidally-influenced Waters	A number of Puget Sound tribes and environmental interests in Washington State have petitioned EPA and the Corps of Engineers to modify the Seattle District's interpretation of where the "high tide line" is for purposes of determining CWA jurisdiction. The Seattle District currently uses "mean higher high water" (MHHW) to determine where CWA jurisdiction begins. Tribes, environmental groups, NOAA-Fisheries and others believe that a higher elevation would more accurately reflect the high tide line and would be more protective of endangered species' habitat in Puget Sound and elsewhere. A joint report was developed by EPA, Corps of Engineers - Seattle District, and NOAA, recommending the use of the "mean annual highest tide" instead of MHHW.		
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